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**AMENDMENT**

S I R:

In response to the Office action dated January 14, 2005,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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reference has nothing to do with a bit of any type and thus would not give any suggestion or motivation for modifying a bit as taught by Simington.

In view of these considerations it is respectfully submitted that the rejection of claims 9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over a combination of the above-discussed references is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 11-1835.

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